

STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE FEBRUARY 11, 2009

S.B. No. 826 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE LICENSURE OF CHILD DAY CARE FACILITIES AND YOUTH CAMPS

The Department of Children and Families supports S.B. No. 826 AN ACT CONCERNING THE LICENSURE OF CHILD DAY CARE FACILITIES AND YOUTH CAMPS. Section 1 of this bill relates to the sharing of information maintained by the Department of Children and Families regarding the operation of child day care centers, group day care homes, family day care homes and youth camps licensed by the Department of Public Health.

DCF and DPH already work collaboratively in conducting background checks for these facilities and during the investigations of abuse or neglect involving a child in one of these facilities. We believe that this bill strengthens our respective roles by permitting the sharing of important information.

The Department is willing to work with members of the Public Health Committee to address any questions that you may have regarding our role in this process.